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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph after paragraph [009]:

--[009-A] Further scope of the applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--

Please amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

--[0010] ~~The present invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art by reading the following become more fully understood from the detailed description of preferred embodiments thereof given hereinbelow and the accompanying, with reference to the attached drawings, which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the present invention, and in which:-~~

Please amend paragraph [0034] as follows:

--[0034] Alternatively and as illustrated in Figs. 6 and 6A, the extension post 30 used in the previously described embodiment can be eliminated and the lower end of the post 24 of the umbrella 26 is directly fit into and through the central bore 22, 20, 18 of the disks 16, 14, 12 of the stand 10. The spring-biased pawl 36 directly engages the pin 32 formed inside the bore 18 of the bottom disk 12 and the notch 33 partially receives the pin 32 thereby securely coupling the

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post 24 to the stand 12. Similarly, the pawl 36 is selectively disengaged from the pin 36-32 by the release means, that which is not shown in the drawings, to separate the umbrella 26 from the stand 10.--